GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Appeal - Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated on the allegation of processing of land conversion proposal of agriculture land in Sy.No.245/2 extent Ac 3.10 cents of Keelapalle Village of Gangavaram Mandal - Inquiry Officer appointed - Inquiry report submitted - Punishment of 'Reduction in Rank as Senior Assistant' imposed - Appeal filed - Admitted - Revoke the punishment orders - Impose a punishment of 'withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect' - Orders - Issued.

****

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.65 Dated:17.01.2023

Read the following:

1. Proceedings of the CCLA & Spl. C.S Ref.No.VS.II(1)/34/2021, DT:17.01.2022.
2. Proceedings of the CCLA & Spl. C.S Ref.No.VS.II(1)/34/2021, DT:17.10.2022.
3. Appeal petition dt:27.10.2022 of Sri A.Narasimhulu former D.T, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District.
4. Remarks of the CCLA in the Govt.file bearing Comp.No.1882405.
5. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0SERR/5/2022-SECY-LANDS-VIG.III(2), dt:30.12.2022

---***---

ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that in the reference 1st read above disciplinary proceedings were instituted against Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District and others on the allegation that he being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Deputy Tahsildar, Gangavaram has processed the file for conversion of agriculture land in Sy.No.245/2 extent Ac 3.10 cents of Keelapalle Village of Gangavaram Mandal stating that no LA proceedings have been initiated or going to be initiate in and around the proposed lands in the village in File No DT/106/2016 dt.02.03.2016 without verifying the office records. Whereas the Government of India vide Gazette No.707 dt.06.04.2015 published the notification S.0.931(E) dt.06.04.2015 of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways under Section 3A(1) of National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) notifying the lands in Sy.No, 240 to 242, 244, 247 etc of Keelapalle village of Gangavaram Mandal are required for building, maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No.4 on the stretch of land from Km 133.360 to Km 216.975 in Chittoor District along with some other villages in Chittoor District. After following the due procedure under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P. issued orders imposing a major penalty of Reduction in Rank as Senior Assistant against Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram has filed an appeal petition before the Government, stating that the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration ought to have consider the Enquiry officer's report and findings in which it was reported that the charge is not proved against the appellant. Hence, the orders are liable to be interdicted attentively. Therefore, he has finally he has stated that the order issued by the CCLA is devoid of any merits and hence requested the order for punishment of Reduction of Rank to the appellant as senior Assistant issued by the CCLA is liable to be interdicted and set aside.

3. While sending a copy of the appeal petition, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P was requested to examine the contents of the appeal petition filed by Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar and furnish a report along with specific remarks and connected records to take further action in the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration has submitted the connected records and stated that the appellant has

(P.T.O)

processed the conversion file basing on the reports of the field staff and inspection notes of the then Tahsildar, Gangavaram without verifying the records and notifications issued by the Govt. of India, he recommended for conversion of agricultural land situated in Sy.No. 245/2 for an extent of Ac3.10 cts of Keelapalle village. It shows his gross negligence on duty. After careful examination of the matter, a punishment of Reduction in Rank as Senior Assistant has been imposed against Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal vide CCLA proceedings VS.II(1)/34/2021, dt:17.10.2022. Further, informed that the orders issued by Spl.CS & CCLA in VS-II(1)/34/2021, dt. 14.5.2022 is self explanatory.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, has allowed the appeal and observed that the enquiry officer categorically mentioned that the charge framed against the appellant is not proved. As a Deputy Tahsildhar he has to satisfy himself regarding the correctness of information submitted to him by the lower staff instead of completely relying on them. In the present case in hand it was not done. Hence, it is a lapse on the part of the appellant.

5. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby revoke the punishment of Reduction in Rank as Senior Assistant imposed by the CCLA against Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District in the reference 2nd read above, duly imposing a punishment of **"withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect"** against him, under Rule 37 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A), Rules,1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri A. Narasimhulu, former Dy. Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District
through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER